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Sentencing Wednesday in Central Islip for man convicted of beating elderly woman to death

A Centereach man convicted in December of beating the grandmother of his fiancée to death will be sentenced tomorrow (Wednesday, April 15) in Central Islip, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

The 6 ft. 4', 250 lb. defendant, Robert Waters, beat 90-year old Florence Troiani to death on June 21, 2011 after an argument with his fiancée.

In finding Waters guilty after a bench trial, State Supreme Court Justice Fernando Camacho said there was no evidence to support the defense claim that Waters suffered a violent seizure brought on by his withdrawal from an anti-anxiety medication, or that Waters was acting under the influence of true emotional disturbance and did not intend to cause the woman's death.

Justice Camacho observed that a person recovering from a seizure is not capable of the "prolonged, organizational violence" Waters inflicted on the elderly woman.

Found guilty of murder in the second degree, Waters faces a sentence of 25 years to life in an upstate correctional facility.



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